

USFS SMOKE JUMPER AND PARACARGO OPERATIONS
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SMOKE JUMPERS
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As part of the National Smoke Jumper Program there are 40 smoke jumpers (maximum) based at the USFS Northern California Service Center (NCSC) at Redding. The program provides highly trained, fully equipped firefighters that should be self sufficient for 3 days.

The smoke jumpers are delivered by fixedwing aircraft that varies from base to base. The 2 aircraft assigned to the Redding base can deliver a total of 20 firefighters which are considered a Type 1 crew. The minimum response is eight jumpers although all eight may not jump the fire. A smoke jumper spotter rides with the crew and has the authority to decide how many persons will jump on a particular fire.

Requesting agencies are responsible for providing necessary coordination, supplies, any other support and transportation back to Redding.

For current information on the Smoke Jumper and Paracargo programs and services available, contact the R-5 smoke jumpers at the Northern California Service Center (NCSC) in Redding.

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In addition to providing firefighters the smoke jumper aircraft can supply incidents utilizing paracargo drops. The requested supplies are packaged at NCSC and are dropped via parachute to the incident from the smoke jumper aircraft.

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Units may order smoke jumpers or paracargo through normal aircraft ordering procedures outlined in HB 8100.

The information needed for smoke jumper/paracargo requests is:

- Incident Order and request number
- Time needed
- Number of jumpers needed

- Incident location. descriptive, legal or lat/long
- Ground and air frequencies and contacts
- Other aircraft assigned
- Local aviation hazards
- For Paracargo requests. supplies requested and time needed

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